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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 3/23/2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant cancelled all pending claims and added new claims 41-45. Said new claims are no longer drawn to the invention elected in the response received 11/13/2006 (reproduced immediately below) because they are now drawn to a method.

**In response to the Patent Office communication of October 19, 2006,  
Applicants hereby state that the election of claims 23-35 and 38 is made without  
traverse.**

2. Further, the Examiner clearly stated in the previous Office action mailed 8/21/2008, page 3, (reproduced immediately below)

Applicant has not set forth any STRUCTURE that patentably distinguishes from the prior art. Again, Applicant may only have the method claims examined by filing an appropriate continuing application

3. See 37 CFR 1.111.

4. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.  
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL L. GREENE whose telephone number is (571)272-6876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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